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SECOND REPLY TO ACTION OF NOVEMBER 16, 2005

Applicants thank the Examiner for his participation in a telephone conversation on March 2, 2006. During that conversation, the Examiner indicated that he had not substantively considered new patentability arguments that were filed on January 17, 2006 in response to a final office action. Applicants submit that the Examiner's refusal to consider those arguments was improper and again request substantive consideration of those arguments.

During the above-referenced conversation, the Examiner agreed that he would substantively consider the previously-filed arguments if, and only if, the Applicants 1) file a second reply to the final office action specifically requesting substantive consideration; or 2) file a formal interview request to discuss the previously filed arguments. Although Applicants believe that the previously filed arguments already should have been substantively considered, Applicants have agreed to file this second response in the expectation that doing so will advance prosecution of this application.

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance for at least the reasons set forth in the text below, which (except for the conclusion) is a copy of the substantive portions of the office action response filed January 17, 2006:

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